

Society of Indiana Archivists
2014 Annual Business Meeting
Indiana State Library
Saturday, April 5, 2014

President Anne Thomason called the meeting to order around 11:17 am. Approximately 68 members and Board members were in attendance.

Anne Thomason introduced the SIA Board:

Dina Kellams, Vice President

Colleen McFarland Rademaker, Treasurer

Carol Street, Secretary

Lisa Lobdell, Board Member

Bethany Fiechter, web editor

Report from Treasurer: Colleen McFarland Rademaker

Colleen McFarland Rademaker gave the treasurer's report for April 1 2013-March 31, 2014.

- Beginning balance in checking was \$5,865.83 and in savings was \$4,197.88
- Ending balance in checking was \$8,746.75 and in savings was \$4,647.98
- Ending balance in the Scholarship Fund, which is held in the savings account, was \$989.09. We spent much of the fund to finance the SAA workshop on MPLP in the summer of 2013.
- Total assets as of March 31, 2014 are \$13,394.73

Colleen noted that our normal moneymaker, the fall workshop, made very little money this past year.

Colleen McFarland Rademaker presented the proposed budget for July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015. It is a balanced budget and involves membership dues increase that will be discussed later in the meeting. We are proposing purchasing Wild Apricot for finance software and website maintenance.

Steve Towne moved to approve the budget, Dina Kellams seconded. The motion carried and the budget was approved by the membership.

Please see attached PDF for budget.

President's Report: Anne Thomason

Anne recognized the members of the board, Local Arrangements Committee, and Program Committee for their work this year and thanked the Indiana State Library for hosting our event today.

Our organization is in a great position and we've been providing educational workshops for our members. We've been discussing bringing a MAC Speaker's Bureau speaker to give a workshop this summer. More details will come in the next few months. The only news I have that's disappointing is that no one has applied for the Thomas Krasean scholarship. The board is discussing changing the criteria due to the lack of applicants for the award.

We are seeking volunteers for any of the committees in SIA. This is your chance to participate in the life of the organization. If you have ideas for workshops, please let us know.

Dues increase:

Two months ago I sent a letter regarding our proposed dues increase from \$10 to \$20. With this change, our income would increase by \$1,200. Members have been asking for easier ways to pay for the workshops and memberships, and this would enable us to do that.

501c3 status:

We've been talking to a lawyer and an accountant regarding our tax status. We have the option to pursue 501c3 or 501c6, each one has different tax implications and different criteria for approval. We do have money in the budget set aside to pursue this, but we're opening it up to the membership to choose how we proceed. 501c3 would involve changing the constitution and is not a sure thing. 501c6 would also exempt us from taxes on catering and is an easier process to navigate. Keeping the status quo leaves our tax status murky and doesn't seem like the best option.

Anne asked the members to divide into groups for 5 minutes to discuss what they want to do. Anne brought back the membership to discuss the issue.

After the members were brought back together:

Lydia Spotts: We are leaning toward 501c3, but confused exactly about the benefits of 501c6 vs. 501c3.

Colleen responded that being 501c6 gives tax exempt status, but more importantly we find out what we're supposed to be filing with the IRS because we haven't been filing anything.

Sally Childs-Helton: We've been researching these. If MAC has a 501c3 then we should be able to get a 501c3 because we have a similar educational focus. Can we do this through a legal center because it's not that hard?

Colleen responded that it is difficult to file in the current environment because the IRS reviews applications much more carefully now than in the past and requires strict adherence to the specific areas of work conducted for 501c3 status.

Charles Stewart: asked questions about donations.

Colleen: SAA, which is a 501c6, accepts donations through its foundation, a related 501c3 organization. Donations to the SAA Foundation are tax deductible; donations to SAA are not.

Steve Smith: I belong to two organizations that have just been turned down for 501c3 status. It's very difficult to get 501c3 status now.

Dina Kellams: Our group would like to see changes to the bylaws to reflect the educational aspects of our organization.

Jane Gastineau: We just changed our bylaws two years ago.

Unidentified member: When we file our taxes, our constitutions and bylaws shouldn't be changed every few years. When you do change them, the IRS will ask if you've made any substantive changes to your bylaws.

Joan Hostettler: I was going to ask if you've done research on any other Indiana historical institutions, but now I realize how you need to research recent organizations that have filed for tax exempt status.

Colleen explained she had consulted the following organizations:

SAA: 501c6, with 501c3 foundation

ALA: 501c3

Michigan Archival Association: 501c3

Midwest Archives Conference: 501c3

Association of Registrars and Collections Specialist: 501c3. This organization recently applied for 501c3 status and had no problems; however, their association with the museum profession may have helped them. Archives are always a harder sell as educational entities.

Anne thanked everyone for their input and advice for the board going forward on this matter.

Membership Report: Anne

96 members, not including onsite registrants.

Dues Increase Vote: Anne

The proposed changes are as follows: \$10 to \$20 for individual members, \$5 to \$10 for students; \$15 to \$30 for institutional members.

Steve Towne moved to accept the dues increase; Joan Hostettler seconded. No discussion. Motion passes.

Election of new officers and board members:

Anne Thomason presented the Nominating Committee's slate of officers:

Jackie Shalberg, National Model Aviation Museum—President

Liz Haeuptle, Elkhart County Historical Museum–Secretary
Rich Bernier, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology–Board Member
Lori Lindberg, San Jose State University–Board Member

Dina Kellams moved to approve the slate, Bethany Fiechter seconded.

There were no nominations from the floor.

Nominations were closed.

Colleen McFarland moved to elect the new board, Tricia Gilson seconded.

The new board was elected.

Adjournment

Steve Towne moved we adjourn and Colleen McFarland seconded. The meeting adjourned at 12:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Street, Secretary